

## Our Friends

Parent involvement is welcome but not required. Parents who wish to volunteer may sign up for a variety of jobs in and out of the classroom or with the "Friends of Fresh Air" group, which organizes fundraisers and other activities.

## How to Apply

Applications are available at the Queen Anne Community Center. To schedule a tour, talk to a teacher, obtain a reference or attend an Open House, please call 386.4240.

## Hours & Rates

### Threes Class

Age 3 by September 1, 2004  
Tuesday and Thursday  
9 am to noon  
\$160 per month

### Fours Class

Age 4 by September 1, 2004  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
9 am to noon  
\$210 per month

## Other Details

A nonrefundable \$50 registration fee is required annually for each student. To be eligible for admission to the program, students must have independent bathroom skills.

After opening on September 13, 2004, Fresh Air Preschool will follow the Seattle Public Schools schedule, which may be viewed at [www.seattleschools.org](http://www.seattleschools.org)

## Our Teachers

The quality of a preschool is defined by its teachers. We are pleased to offer professionals who are not only educated and experienced but possess a true passion for teaching young children. Warm, nurturing and creative are some of the words parents use to describe our staff. First Aid and CPR-certified, our teachers update their skills regularly with continuing education.

*Vicky Jacoby* has taught for the past 13 years at Lake Union Preschool. She was educated at the UW and has been a part-time paralegal for the past 17 years for a local law firm. Teaching has been an integral part of Vicky's life and she enjoys creating an environment for children in which they have the freedom to express themselves, make new discoveries, develop friendships and find the joy in learning that surrounds them.

*Cheryl Cluley* has been a preschool teacher at Lake Union Preschool for the past eight years. She is pursuing a masters in early childhood education. Her passion for teaching comes from wanting to instill a love of learning as early as possible.



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<http://www.cityofseattle.net/Parks/Centers/QueenAnne/Preschool.htm>



## Why Fresh Air?

In Spring 2004, two Queen Anne moms, frustrated with long waitlists at local preschools, made a proposal to Parks and Recreation staff. They suggested a new, innovative preschool that would emphasize environmental stewardship and community, offer a state-of-the-art curriculum (designed and delivered by loving, professional teachers), provide classes small enough to encourage familiarity yet large enough to include diversity, and last but not least, be reasonably priced.

Too much to ask?

Au contraire. With pluck, luck and some wise guidance by Parks staff, Fresh Air Preschool was born. The name says a lot: not only is the classroom full of natural light, it offers a leafy view of Big Howe Park next door, where the children can exercise their lungs and legs and imaginations. And for their parents (including those happy two moms, whose 3-year olds are now enrolled) the preschool is very welcome breath of fresh air.

## Our Mission

Fresh Air Preschool is a program within Seattle's Parks and Recreation that emphasizes environmental stewardship and community-building through an emergent curriculum. The goal of Fresh Air Preschool is to provide a safe, warm and positive environment that fosters your child's natural curiosity.

## Our Philosophy

We believe that every child is unique and should be allowed to take an individual, active role in the process of learning. We believe that nurturing confidence, independence, curiosity and cooperative relationships with classmates and adults is critical for emotional, physical and intellectual development.

## Our Curriculum

Our curriculum, inspired by Reggio Emilia, is child-centered and play-based. Our teachers plan activities according to the different interests and abilities of the children. This approach centers on every child's natural curiosity and desire

to learn, and fosters the self-confidence that is critical for school readiness.

During extended free play in the classroom, the children explore art, science, large and fine motor skills, sensory activities and dramatic play. During play, children use their senses, explore their environment, concentrate, solve problems, symbolize, improve vocabulary and learn to be flexible. Play expands the children's creativity and imagination. Independent and collaborative group work is considered valuable and necessary, as is physical activity. Ample gross motor time is provided daily, either at the park, playground or gym.

## Our Facility

In a safe, harmonious and visually pleasing classroom, our students enjoy lots of natural light, room to explore and developmentally appropriate furniture, toys and supplies. Fresh Air Preschool has access to the gym, Baby & Toddler Room, dance studio and many other Parks and Recreation resources.